

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORNINGSIDES ASSOCIATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the families of the Morningside community and the City of Milford in marking the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Morningside Association—a very special milestone for this unique organization. Chartered by the Connecticut state legislature in 1921, the Morningside Association created a tight-knit, welcoming community where families have flourished for generations.

Nestled along the shores of Long Island Sound, the Morningside property has had a rich history. The parcel was included in the original land purchase from the Pausgusset Tribe and for the first several hundred years was known as “Merwin’s Farm” at Pond Point and was both a working farm and home to sixteen generations of the Merwin family. In the mid-1860’s, the land was purchased by New England industrialist Henry G. Thompson. Mr. Thompson built a manor house of twenty-two rooms, surrounded by wide expanses of lawn, rare, beautiful trees and elaborate flower gardens. The “Morningside” moniker was quickly given to his new home by Mr. Thompson because it faced the rising sun. In 1912 the property was offered for sale. Specialists in developing small residential communities, the owners of the Yale Land Company, Milton T. Yale and two sons, Fred and Will, recognized an ideal opportunity for a shorefront development. After dividing the land into building lots, they laid out and constructed Morningside Drive on the shore front and Ridgewood Drive bordering the woodland, with nine roads running due west to connect these drives and provide settings for homes.

By 1921 the majority of the lots had been sold and the Yale Land Company had gradually withdrawn its policy of active maintenance. It was then that the Morningside property owners decided to form an association and seek a charter from the state which would enable them to preserve the unique character of the Morningside neighborhood. They successfully lobbied the state legislature for the charter, designating the community as an improvement district. Over the course of the last century the Morningside Association has guided the community through a multitude of challenges including the transition from a summer to year-round residential community, the installation of a private storm drain and sewer line system, and the expansion of the community’s borders. The Association has also worked closely with the City of Milford, particularly with the installation and maintenance of the Morningside revetment—a granite wall made necessary due to the damage and erosion caused by hurricanes that hit the area in the early half of the 20th century.

Beyond the physical maintenance of the property, the Association is also responsible for the special sense of community that is Morningside. From the annual July 4th celebration to the shared enjoyment of the water and nature, the Association makes every effort to ensure that the families who call Morningside home are proud to do so. I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Morningside Association, past and present, who have and continue to work so diligently to create and enrich such a vibrant community. My heartfelt congratulations to them as they mark their centennial anniversary. As we say in Italian—C’ent Anni—to another hundred years.

IN HONOR OF THE SERVICE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WILLIAM RUSSELL III

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Command Sergeant Major William Russell III, the outgoing Brigade Command Sergeant Major of the 177th Military Police Brigade. His service to our community and to our Nation are worthy of commendation.

Born in Madison Heights, Michigan, he enlisted in the United States Army on May 16, 1989. During his time on active duty, he served Wheeled Vehicle Operator for ten years. After serving his duty, Command Sergeant Major Russell’s service to our country was not yet done. He enlisted in the Michigan Army National Guard immediately after serving on active duty, serving with the 210th Military Police Company as a Section Sergeant.

His previous assignments with the Michigan Army National Guard include, Platoon Sergeant 1461st CBT HET Company, First Sergeant 1072nd Maintenance Company, Command Sergeant Major 1225th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Command Sergeant Major 272nd Regional Support Group, Command Sergeant Major/Commandant 177th Regional Training Institute, Command Sergeant Major 177th Military Police Brigade, State Command Sergeant Major and Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Michigan National Guard. He has earned many awards for his exemplary service, including the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.

In the numerous roles that he has served and a military career that has spanned decades, Command Sergeant Major Russell has proven his tremendous commitment and dedication to service. A tried and true leader, he heard the call and has served this entire Nation well.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Command Sergeant Major William Russell III for his lifetime of invaluable service to this Nation. I join with Command

Sergeant Major Russell’s family—including his children DeSeandra, Alfonzo, and William—friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his exemplary and honorable service to this country.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JOHN LEE DICKINSON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life John Lee Dickinson of Mantachie, Mississippi who passed away on January 7, 2021 at North Mississippi Medical Center. I join countless friends, family, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Born February 4, 1947 in Marietta, Mississippi to Fisher and Jewel Lindsey Dickinson, John Lee grew to be a star athlete. He graduated from Mantachie High School and married his sweetheart Joyce Ann Franks in 1966. For 40 years he worked at the Tombigbee Electric Power Association and retired as the Fulton Branch Manager in 2009. He served in the United States Army National Guard, where he was awarded sharpshooter medals and other honors. He passed on his love of athletics, hunting, fishing and farming to his four children.

John Lee was an athlete and a scholar. He deeply enjoyed literature and poetry and was a gifted painter. He played four instruments and taught himself Spanish. John Lee was a dedicated grandfather, spending hours at the pool with his family and beloved dogs, Luke and Mandy.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 54 years, Joyce Ann Franks Dickinson; children Chris, Angie, Brian, and Jason; best friend, Barry; and many grandchildren.

John Lee Dickinson was a great man dedicated to family, faith, and country. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

CONGRATULATING THE ST. ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL PROGRAMS FOR THEIR 2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the St. Elizabeth High School Softball & Baseball Programs on being inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

St. Elizabeth High School fielded its first softball and baseball programs in 1951. Since 1991, they have combined to reach 15 Final

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Fours, including winning seven state championships, and each has had 38 All-State selections. St. Elizabeth's softball program has won four state titles (1992, 1994, 2002, 2011), finished as a runner-up in 1993 and 1997, and was fourth in 1991. St. Elizabeth's baseball program has captured three state championships (1995, 1997, 2019) and was runner-up in 2018. The Hornets also placed third in 1996 while their 1984, 2010 and 2011 teams each placed fourth in the state.

As a native of St. Elizabeth this honor is especially personal for me. I graduated from St. Elizabeth but more importantly, my wife Jackie and I have watched generations of kids grow into young adults and go on to become exceptional members of our community and communities around Missouri. Both of our daughters played on the softball team and our son played on the baseball team where they and their teammates learned invaluable life lessons about hard work, commitment, and teamwork.

Thanks to the coaches, teachers, and administrators we have been lucky enough to have over the years, our little town has experienced success well beyond the ball field. This honor is certainly a testament to all of the kids who worked so hard to achieve athletic success but also to the parents and a community that supports one another and always prioritized our future generations.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the St. Elizabeth High School Softball and Baseball Programs on multiple extraordinary seasons and their much-deserved Hall of Fame induction.

RYAN WILLIAM MAGEE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan William Magee. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 228, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ryan has held the positions of Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader for his troop. He is a member of both Mic-o-say Tribes, where he is a Hardaway Warrior at Camp Geiger and a Brave at Bartle. Ryan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ryan's Eagle project was renovating the Community of Christ Church flag plaza at Camp Farwesta campgrounds in Stewartsville, MO. He removed the single flagpole and replaced it with three new flagpoles, installed a border and added pea gravel. The added flagpoles allow flags to be flown that represent the different organizations that use the campgrounds.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan William Magee for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of

America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7).

I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation which seeks to end the wage gap once and for all. Women in America, especially women of color, make far less than their male counterparts. While we have made progress closing this gap in recent years, this past year has the potential to set this movement back by decades.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected women. Unstable childcare and disruptions to school schedules have forced millions of mothers to leave the workforce. Additionally, women disproportionately work lower wage hourly jobs that have been slashed across the country due to store closings and other pandemic-related restrictions. This has resulted in women suffering the majority of pandemic-related job losses. Women also hold a greater share of frontline essential jobs that have faced greater risks of exposure such as nurses, teachers, home health care providers, flight attendants, transportation workers, grocery store clerks, childcare providers, and countless other positions. Simply put, we are getting through this pandemic and are on the brink of beating COVID-19 because of the tireless work of American women—and they deserve tangible support.

On Equal Pay Day earlier this year, I led a joint statement with Congresswoman GRACE MENG, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Congresswoman BRENDA LAWRENCE, and 32 other Democratic women in Congress highlighting the disproportionate effect COVID-19 has had on women and calling for structured relief. Therefore, I would like to include in the RECORD that statement.

Again, I rise in strong support of the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7) and I urge my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

MARCH 24, 2021.

Today is Equal Pay Day, the day in 2021 where women's earnings finally caught up to what men earned in 2020. While strides had been made to close this earnings gap, this past year has the potential of erasing years of progress because of the disproportionate impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on women.

The pandemic has dealt an unprecedented blow to every aspect of American society, taking more than half a million lives and costing our economy trillions of dollars. Our nation is facing multiple crises: the COVID-19 virus, economic uncertainty, and a caregiving shortage. As such, while the pandemic has caused virtually every American to struggle in some fashion, the brunt of this disaster has been felt by women—especially women of color.

Due to unstable child care and disruptions to school schedules, millions of mothers have been forced to leave the workforce to care for a child. Roughly 10 million working mothers have a child age 6 or younger, and many of these women have been forced to leave their jobs to care for their children.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 865,000 women left the labor force in September 2020 alone—more than four times the number of men who left the labor force that month.

Women are being forced out of the workforce for other reasons as well. Women disproportionately work lower wage hourly jobs that have been slashed across the country due to store closings and other pandemic-related restrictions. This has resulted in women suffering the majority of pandemic-related job losses, totaling more than 5.4 million net jobs, or 55 percent of the overall net job loss since the start of the crisis. This is especially true for Black, Latina, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Native American women who are significantly more likely to work hourly jobs that have either been eliminated or have had their hours greatly reduced over the last year.

Even women who have maintained their job during this crisis have disproportionately been affected. Women hold a greater share of frontline essential jobs that have faced greater risks of exposure, such as nurses, teachers, home health care providers, flight attendants, transportation workers, grocery store clerks, child care providers, and countless other positions. Simply put, we are getting through this pandemic and are on the brink of beating COVID-19 because of the tireless work of American women—and they deserve tangible support.

While we are encouraged by the passage of the American Rescue Plan and strongly support the provisions that help protect working women, we also encourage our colleagues to consider this package as a down payment. We need transformational structural change to fight against the economic, financial, gender, and racial injustices. We need massive investments in our child care infrastructure, including universal child care and early learning, \$15 minimum wage, and paid leave programs; without these, women will be set back a generation by this pandemic.

For decades, women have unionized and joined forces to fight for fair hiring practices, workplace protections, and our ongoing fight for equal pay. We simply cannot turn this clock back and we must continue to protect our right to organize and in doing so, fight to narrow the income gap. It will take all of us to dedicate the needed energy and resources to ensure that our daughters and granddaughters do not need to acknowledge Equal Pay Day in future years to come.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Grace Meng, Brenda Lawrence, Barbara Lee, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chrissy Houlahan, Angie Craig, Sara Jacobs, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Marcy Kaptur, Nikema Williams, Gwen Moore, Carolyn Bourdeaux, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Grace F. Napolitano, Dina Titus, Robin L. Kelly, Katie Porter, Jackie Speier, Nanette Diaz Barragan, Rosa L. DeLaura, Marie Newman, Debbie Dingell, Judy Chu, Rosa L. DeLauro, Doris Matsui, Cori Bush, Nydia M. Velázquez, Pramila Jayapal, Jahana Hayes, Ilhan Omar, Linda T. Sánchez, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Jan Schakowsky, Lauren Underwood, Members of Congress.

NAVALNY RESOLUTION INTRODUCTION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bipartisan resolution condemning